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THe ill successes of the *Ottoman* Arms during the last Campagne in *Hungary* have caused a great change at the Court of the Grand Signior. So soon as he heard of the defeat of his Army near *Gran* by the Duke of *Lorrain*, of the taking of *Newheusel*, and the burning of part of the Bridge of *Essec*, he condemned *Cheitan Ibrahim Bacha Seraskier*, or General of his Forces in *Hungary*, to lose his Head; His signal services in the former Wars against the Crown of *Poland*, and particularly that performed by him the last year in *Hungary*, in supporting the City of *Buda* against the Imperialists who besieged it, might have prevailed with the Grand Signior to spare his life, had he not been likewise accused of having discontented the Troops under his Command, in keeping their Pay from them. So an Officer was sent to *Hungary*, with Orders to bring his Head to *Adrianople*, and the Heads of the chief Officers of the Army who were accused of not having behaved themselves as they ought in the battle of *Gran*. The Grand Visier *Kara Ibrahim Bacha* proposed afterwards to the Grand Signior *Soliman Bacha*, who Commanded the last year against the Poles, as a very fit person to be *Seraskier* of his Forces in *Hungary* the next Campagne; The Grand Signior approved of him, and Orders were sent to him to repair to Court, and that he might come thither with the greater satisfaction, the Grand Visier writ to him, that the Grand Signior, in consideration of his Services, intended to restore him to the place of *Caimakan*, from which he was removed about two years ago. *Solyman Bacha* at his arrival at *Adrianople* was much surprized, when the Grand Visier declared to him, that he was named by the Grand Signior to Command his Forces in *Hungary* the next Campagne, but dissembled his discontent, till he had an opportunity to present himself before the Grand Signior, as it were to receive his Orders before his departure, when casting himself at his Feet, he humbly prayed to be excused from so difficult an Employment, in which he could not hope his Services would have any success, and took the liberty to say, that foreseeing from the present state of Affairs, that the Campagne would end with the loss of his Head, he prayed the Grand Signior rather to cause him to be now put to death, than to send him to *Hungary*. The Grand Signior Commanded him to declare the Reasons he had to refuse the Command of his Armies; which he did very particularly. He represented, that the ill success of the last Campagne came from thence, that the Troops were not paid, and that the Grand Visier had failed in many things of great importance to his Service. At last he offered to take upon him the Command in *Hungary*, if the Grand Signior would himself go thither and appear at the head of his Forces, as the Sultans his Predecessors had done This Discourse had such an effect upon the Grand Signior, that he sent to the Grand Visier who kept his Bed under pretence of being indisposed, to know whether he was in a condition to make the Campagne in *Hungary*, whither He intended to go in person. The Grand Visier excused himself in regard of the ill state of his Health; Whereupon the Grand Signior resolved to Depose him; and ordered *Solyman Bacha* to preside in the Dyvan. Some days after the Grand Signior sent an Officer to the Grand Visier to demand of him the Seal, which is the mark of this First Dignity in the *Ottoman* Empire; The Grand Visier was at Table, who taking the Seal out of his Bosom, after having kissed it, delivered it to the Officer, of whom he asked whether he had any other Orders, and understanding that he had not, and that his Life was granted him, with part of his Estate, he dismissed most of his Servants, and soon after parted himself from *Adrianople*, and is now at his House on the *Canal* of the *Black Sea* near to *Scutaret*. The Seal having been brought to the Grand Signior, he immediately gave it to *Solyman Bacha*, and made him Grand Vizier. It is said, that at the receiving of it, He declared that he accepted this great Honor with hopes that the Grand Signior would march himself to *Hungary* at the Head of his Army, which is however yet very uncertain. The new Grand Visier was formerly Kiala or Lieutenant to the Grand Visier *Caproli Ogli*, and, it's said, that he has sent for Mustapha Bacha *Caproli*, who is at *Scio*, to give him some considerable Employment, as an acknowledgment of the kindness he received from his Brother. The Gallies and Ships of the Grand Signior's Fleet arrived here in the beginning of *December* in a very ill condition, the Commanders put the Soldiers that were on Board the Ships into the Gallies, to make the accustomed Salutes as they passed by the Kiosque of the Grand Signior, which stands on the Water-side, that so they might conceal their want of Men. *Misset Ogli* is declared Capitan Bacha, or Admiral of the Fleet, in the place of the Grand Signior's Son-in-law. The Sieur *Girardin*, Ambassador from *France*, arrived here the 11th Instant. The Grand Visier will part from *Adrianople* for *Belgrade* in the beginning of *April*; He has already paid the *Spahi's* all that was due to them.

Venice, March 2. By a Vessel arrived here this week from *Corfou* we are informed that Captain-General *Morosini* intends to sail from thence with the Fleet before the end of this Month, and that it is reported his first design will be upon *Modon*, from whence was returned the Inginier *Bassignani*, who went thither in the habit of a Mer-

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